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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Concerning the microsoft antitrust case.

First, let me make it clear that I'm a capitalist in pursuit of the all-allusive dollar. I have been in the computer industry for approaching 20 years, and was on the Internet 15 years before it became the Information Super Hi-way.

Now, I'm worried about my industry. Innovation has been squashed many times over the last 13 years. DRDOS was disabled, OS-2 discarded, Netscape was crushed, among many others. I'm afraid if something isn't done to stop Microsoft, innovation in our industry will be outlawed.

Microsoft has done a good job of promoting themselves over there competitors. To good a job. They were allowed to build an operating system that dominated the industry, then they wrote the major applications used by that operating system to lock out other operating systems, even if they were more efficient and more powerful. This eliminated DR DOS, OS2 and several others. I've worked in and around ISP's for 10 years, and 5 years ago, when they decided to start doing there own network, they came into ISP's, and used the same tactics in the ISP world. The one I've particularly hated has been there embrace and extend methodology. This has effected my job many times.

They have been given chances before. They've been slapped on the hand by the courts many times. Even now, they are having there own people flood online polls, etc to improve how they rate against there competitors. I'm willing to bet that sending you email has been done by most everyone in the company. They've also been caught forging letters to politicians. You might want to check and make sure all the email you receive is from people that are still alive. My letter is digitally signed, and NOT forged. You may contact me to verify this is the letter I've sent.

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Thank you for your time.

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